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FOR SHERMAN FROM SHOESMITH

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF JAPAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR SHERMAN

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1. FOR YOUR FOUR WORKING DAYS IN TOKYO (JULY 27-30), WE HAVE IN MIND SIX TO EIGHT APPOINTMENTS, A LUNCHEON OR TWO AND A DINNER.

2. ON THE SOCIAL SIDE, I WOULD LIKE TO HOST A STAG DINNER FOR YOU JULY 28. IF YOU AGREE, WE WOULD INVITE ONE OR TWO LIVELY ENGLISH-SPEAKING FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS, ACADEMICS, JOURNALISTS, BUSINESSMEN AND POLITICIANS. IN ADDITION, I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE MCVEIGHS TO TELL THEM OF YOUR ARRIVAL.

3. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO SUGGEST A LUNCHEON, PROBABLY MOSTLY FIRST NORTH AMERICAN TYPES. YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO HAVE A LUNCHEON WITH A SMALL FOREIGN OFFICE GROUP, INCLUDING OKAWA AND MATSUNAGA, TO DISCUSS THE FISHERIES ISSUE, UN MATTERS, ETC. ALTERNATIVELY YOU MIGHT PREFER A SMALL LUNCHEON WITH TOP OHIRA FACTION MEMBER AND LDP FISH CZAR ZENKO SUZUKI TO DISCUSS THE FISH PROBLEM AND INTERNAL POLITICS. AGAIN ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MIGHT WISH TO RANGE FURTHER AFIELD WITH A SMALL

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GROUP OF EDITORIAL WRITERS OR FORMER WASHINGTON

CORRESPONDENTS.

4. YOU MIGHT WANT TO HAVE DIRNKS ON JULY 27 WITH A GROUP OF LABOR EXCHANGE RETURNEES, WHO WOULD BE DEEPLY FLATTERED BY YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THEIR COCKTAIL PARTY IN HONOR OF OUR BICENTENNIAL (TOM SHOESMITH IS GUEST OF HONOR), OR WITH AVAILABLE MEMBERS OF THE JSP'S EDA MISSION TO THE US, OR WITH EDITORIAL WRITERS OR FORMER WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS (RATHER THAN A LUNCHEON).

5. AS FOR CALLS, YOSHINO AND YAMAZAKI AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE ARE PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA. AS FOR POLITICIANS, RATHER THAN THE TOP POOBAHS YOU SAW LAST TIME (ALTHOUGH WE COULD TRY TO ARRANGE THOSE AGAIN), YOU MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS WITH DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KAIFU, NEW LIBERAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVE YOHEI KONO, AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA. IN ADDITION, WE ARE INFORMING PRIVATE SECRETARY KITAMURA OF YOUR ARRIVAL WHICH COULD LEAD TO ANOTHER APPOINTMENT. E/C SUGGESTS YOU MIGHT WANT TO EXPERIENCE DIRECTLY THE EMOTIONS SURROUNDING THE FISHERIES ISSUE. THIS COULD BE DONE THROUGH CALLS ON AGRICULTURE MINISTRY FISHERIES EXPERTS, SUZUKI, OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY.

6. JUST LET US KNOW WHAT STRIKES YOUR FANCY IN THIS SMORGASBORD AND WE WILL TRY TO SET IT UP. OF COURSE, ANY OTHER IDEAS YOU MIGHT HAVE WILL BE WELCOME. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET STARTED ON ARRANGEMENTS, HOWEVER, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
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